
Appendix D

Minnesota Steel Letter of Commitment to Conduct 2006-2007 Lynx Survey



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RE: **Minnesota Steel Lynx Tracking Survey**

Dear Mr. Ek,

This letter serves to provide you with written confirmation that Minnesota Steel Industries (MN Steel) intends to complete the tracking portion of the Lynx Survey and provide a final report summarizing the findings on or before April 1, 2007. The report schedule is dependent upon adequate snow conditions and turnaround time on the DNA analysis of scat samples.

On behalf of Minnesota Steel, Barr Engineering has retained a subcontractor (ENSR|AECOM) to conduct the lynx survey. ENSR|AECOM has prepared a work plan for the survey and will begin field work when there are adequate field conditions (i.e. fresh snow of sufficient depth) present to conduct the lynx tracking. It is my understanding that this field work has been initiated, given the current weather conditions in the area. As part of the field tracking work, scat samples will be collected for laboratory DNA analysis. Upon receiving the results of DNA testing, the final summary report will be completed.

If you have any questions regarding the lynx study, please contact me by phone at 651/209-7707.

Sincerely,

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